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1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FRANGIE FROM PRESIDENT FORD: QUOTE - H.E. SLEIMAN FRANGIE, PRESIDENT OF LEBANON, EXCELLENCY: IT WAS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT I HAVE LEARNED OF THE DEATH OF PATRIARCH MEOUCHI. HE WAS TRULY A FORCE FOR PEACE AND CONCORD IN A TROUBLED WORLD. HAVING BEEN BOTH AN AMERICAN AND A LEBANESE CITIZEN, HE PERSONIFIED THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. HIS MANY FRIENDS IN THE UNITED STATES JOIN IN MOURNING HIS LOSS.

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THIS SOLEMN OCCASION, AND TO RE-AFFIRM OUR WARM FEELINGS FOR LEBANON AND THE LEBANESE PEOPLE SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD - END QUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF GOL DOES. KISSINGER

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